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Offer Help

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At the risk of much criticism, at the risk of investigation by the FBI, the CIA and what have you, I must say I feel sorry for the family of Lee Harvey Oswald. What those poor people have had and will have to endure is a shame. Why must we show them so much hate? His family has done no wrong. I would guess the thought of what Lee Harvey Oswald is accused of having done is enough punishment for them. I believe if we would put ourselves in their place we would cease to hate. Suppose our brother, son or husband was in the same predicament? Would we desert him in the time of need? Would we cease to love him? Would we mourn his death? The answers to each question will have to be yes.

It was almost beyond belief when I heard that the Dallas ministers did not want to conduct his funeral. And these are men of God who have dedicated their lives to His teachings. There was objection to his burial in the cemetery. No one would help carry his casket. His grave has to be guarded. How far can we go in our hate? When and where will it end?

I realize we owe the Oswald family nothing. But we do owe ourselves something. We owe it to ourselves to end this hate trend which seems to be engulfing our country. Can we share the sorrow of one man's death but feel that another's death was deserving? Not unless we disagree with all that's written in the Bible. Regardless of the mass of evidence, regardless of what is said, Lee Harvey Oswald, according to the laws of this great country, died an innocent man. If he is judged guilty, then we must be his judge.

How wonderful it would be if we would have a change of heart and offer help, not hate. It would certainly indicate that we practice what we preach. Christianity requires it, humanity demands it and the United States of America needs it.

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